

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1124

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to rural broadband; requiring the
8 Corporation Commission promulgate rules and
9 procedures for establishment of the State Broadband
10 Deployment Grant Program; requiring development of
11 competitive grant program to award funding to expand
12 broadband access; requiring Commission to look at
13 other state's best practices to facilitate framework
14 of Program; creating the State Broadband Deployment
15 Grant Program Revolving Fund; providing for
16 codification; and providing an effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 139.204 of Title 17, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The Corporation Commission with the participation and advice
22 of the Rural Broadband Expansion Council shall promulgate rules and
23 procedures for the establishment of the State Broadband Deployment
24 Grant Program. The State Broadband Deployment Grant Program shall
include development of a competitive grant program to award funding
to applicants seeking to expand access to broadband internet service

1 in this state. The Commission and Council shall look at best
2 practices in other states to help facilitate the framework of the
3 Program.

4 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
5 fund for the Corporation Commission to be designated the "State
6 Broadband Deployment Grant Program Fund". The fund shall be a
7 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
8 consist of all monies designated for deposit to said fund. All
9 monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated
10 and may be budgeted and shall be expended by the Corporation
11 Commission for the purpose of awarding grants by and through the
12 Rural Broadband Expansion Council, pursuant to subsection A of this
13 section, to applicants seeking expand access to broadband internet
14 service in this state.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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